

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please accept FIG. 5, submitted herewith as a "New Sheet" of drawings.

REMARKS

A. Amendments to the Drawings and Specification

The drawings have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. A new drawing, Figure 5, has been added in order to illustrate the louvers. The louvers are discussed in paragraph 71 of the specification and are claimed in Claim 18. Therefore, addition of Figure 5 to the patent application does not constitute new matter. The specification has been amended to refer to the new drawing.

B. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §102(b)

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 11-17 and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as anticipated by Hoover, Bober, Bomas '595, Bomas '112 or Lee. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims of the present invention are not anticipated by any of these references. Independent Claim 1 of the present invention, as amended, provides that the shield is separate from the light source and is adapted to partially enclose but not contact the light source. Additionally, Claim 20 provides that the shield is formed to partially enclose but not contact the light source. These amendments are supported in Figure 2 of the drawings and in the specification at paragraphs 26, 27, and 37. As such, no new matter has been added to the application through these amendments.

None of the references cited by the Examiner provide a shield that is separate from the light source and is adapted to partially enclose but not contact the light source. The light housing in Hoover is in “operable communication” with the light source. Hoover, paragraph 18. As shown in the drawings, the light source is in direct contact

with the housing itself. Similarly, the lighting apparatuses in Bober, Bomas '595, Bomas '112 and Lee each provide a housing that is in direct contact with the light source.

The light shield of the present invention is separate from the light source and is adapted to partially enclose but not contact the light source. It can be placed in close proximity to the light source in order to shield the rear portion of the light source from a viewer without actually contacting the light source itself. For example, the light shield can be affixed to the ground in close proximity to the rear portion of an electric flood light. The shield can also be packaged and sold separately from the light source. This provides a simple, efficient and cost-effective means of providing professional-quality landscape lighting. The cited references do not provide these advantages.

Independent Claim 21 is not anticipated by the references cited by the Examiner because none of the references provide a light housing having an aperture in the rear wall of the shield, wherein the aperture is contiguous with the bottom edge of the rear wall. The Examiner has failed to indicate how any of the references anticipate Claim 21. Thus, Applicant believes that Claim 21 is patentably distinct over the references cited by the Examiner.

C. Allowance of Claims

Applicant respectfully acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed Claims 10 and 19.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejected claims are patentably distinct over the references cited by the Examiner and meet all other statutory requirements. It is believed that the present Application is in complete condition for allowance and, therefore, reconsideration of the rejections in the Office

Action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should any issues remain after the consideration of this response.

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